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BLOC AND WESTERN POWER POSITIONS
(Paragraph 26a.)

26a. In other respects, time may be on the side of the West. The West's military capabilities will increase during the next fifteen years if conventional rearmament programs and tactical applications of unconventional weapons enhance its present defensive capabilities in Western Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East. We cannot estimate the extent to which these developments are likely to occur, in view of the extent to which they depend on Western and other policy decisions.

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